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Whatees claimed is

1. Method for standby circuiting of assemblies in 1:N redundancy, comprising

peripheral line assemblies (BG<sub>1</sub>...BG<sub>n</sub>) that are respectively allocated to one another in pairs and that comprise connections  $(V_1)$  to one another via which a mutual monitoring occurs,

at least one standby circuit assembly (BG<sub>F</sub>) that takes the place of the down peripheral line assembly in case of a failure of one of the peripheral line assemblies (for example, BG<sub>1</sub>), as well as

comprising internal and external interfaces that have an interactive connection to the peripheral line assemblies (BG<sub>1</sub>...BG<sub>n</sub>) and comprising a higher-ranking means (MPSA) that monitors and controls all devices,

characterized in that

the outage of one of the peripheral line assemblies (for example, BG<sub>1</sub>) is determined by the remaining peripheral/line assembly (for example, BG<sub>2</sub>) allocated paired; a message (M<sub>E</sub>) is subsequently sent from the peripheral line assembly (for example, BG<sub>2</sub>) determining the outage to the standby circuit assembly (BG<sub>E</sub>), whereupon the latter switches the internal and external interfaces by driving switches  $(S_1, S_2)$  and only then activates itself.

2. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the peripheral line assembly (for example, BG<sub>2</sub>) determining the outage additionally sends an outage message ( $M_A$ ) to the higher-ranking means (MPSA).

3. Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the outage of one of the peripheral line assemblies (for example, BG<sub>1</sub>) is additionally recognized by an interfaces [sic] (AMX) belonging to the switching network, where upon this sends a corresponding message (M<sub>LPS</sub>) to the higher-ranking means (MPSA).

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